

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of the Official Office Action

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-6 and 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verster (US PAT 5,214,410) in view of Su et al.(US PAT 5,212,808).

Claims 7-9 and 16-18 were allowed over the prior art of record.

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1-6 and 10-15 will have been cancelled. Accordingly Claims 7-9 and 16-18 currently remain pending.

CONCLUSION

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 7-9 and 16-18 have been deemed allowable over the art of record. With the cancellation of claims 1-6 and 10-15, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims as the rejection is now moot.

By the present Amendment, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration of the present Office Action and allowance of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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